

Council Meeting Minutes: 6/9/14

Doral Olsen was absent

Curt called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Jill moved, Connie seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Congregation Correspondence:

Sandy Potter addressed council over her concern of the placement of the altar and lectern in the sanctuary, requesting that they be moved back to their original positions.

We had a few minutes of open dialogue and discussion over the matter, including how the movement of physical objects in the sanctuary seems to have shifted our congregation's mental focus. Change is good!

The worship committee made the decision to rearrange the altar for Easter. Going forward, arrangement of the altar is on a rotational basis, corresponding with the church seasons.

Curt contacted Bishop Froiland, who told him that there are many other congregations in the synod that rearrange their worship spaces. There are no rules or guidelines against rearranging the sanctuary, and in fact, the ELCA has resources available for those congregations who wish to rearrange their worship space. One such resource, ELCA Lutherans think about 'the place where we worship' states, "Gathering the assembly around word and meal and bath is the only necessary thing. The church happens where the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered according to the gospel. The church has no building code, save proclaiming Christ crucified and risen."

Sandy Seffrood moved, Connie seconded to leave the East church altar arrangement as is, but the Wiotra church will change with the church seasons. Motion passed.

Connie moved, Mark seconded to approve Secretary's minutes from May. Motion passed.

Connie presented the Treasurer's report. Mark moved, Jalaine seconded to approve. Motion passed.

Luke gave the Pastor's Report:

Pastor attended "Music that Makes Community" and has brought back a lot of new music to enhance our worship.

We had some discussion regarding the level of congregation involvement. Luke is really excited about how active our congregation is.

A/V update: Fuzzy and his supplier will be coming to look at our space so we get the equipment that fits our space best. Installation dates will be set up at a later time.

The question of security has been raised regarding the placement of the new A/V equipment.

We are gathering information and beginning to make plans for a church website, including the information that we would want on the website.

Wedding season is beginning...

Pastoral Acts: There was 1 funeral: Sam Glanzman on May 17, 2014. We have 2 new members: Eldon and Kitty Wilson joined the church on Sunday, June 8, 2014.

Sandy moved, Carmen seconded to approve the Pastor's Report. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Education:

14 people made it to the Hike for Humanity at Cadiz park on Sunday, 6/8 with \$470 in donations.

As of this date, there are 10-12 youth that plan on attending the LYO convention in Detroit next summer.

Evangelism:

The 4th of July float needs to be made for the parade in Wiota.

Sandy Seffrood has plans to meet with a representative of LifeTouch to go over the process of a new, revised church directory.

Stewardship:

The community garden is blossoming! There will be a sign-up sheet for those members of our congregation who have expressed an interest in helping with weeding, watering, harvesting and delivering produce.

Worship:

Plans are underway for worship in the park over the 4th of July weekend.

The idea was brought up of possibly doing a history re-enactment at a cemetery service rather than the traditional candlelight service.

Property:

We received a bid from Dennis Johnsen and Andrew Johnson to re-roof the parsonage. The bid was \$4,750 (material and labor). Mark moved, Connie seconded to accept their bid. Motion passed.

Mark asked Chris Andrews to look at the windows in the church (after some concern that there were rotting window sills). All of the windows (some more so than others) are in need of replacement. Mark will begin looking for bids.

All of the lightbulbs that needed to be changed have been changed in the church.

Connie moved, Craig seconded to accept the committee reports. Motion passed.

New Business:

This year, the congregation will be celebrating its 170th anniversary. There will be cake and punch after church on Reformation Sunday (the last Sunday in October).

Mark moved, Craig seconded to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.